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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Louis Jackstadt retired from his position as Collinsville city clerk on April 1, 2006, a position he had held since 1979; and

WHEREAS, He was born in a house just six blocks from his current residence and is a lifelong resident of the city; he received a parochial education at Ss. Peter and Paul Catholic Church and School, where he is still a parishioner, and graduated from Collinsville High School; he received a football scholarship and G.I. Bill to St. Louis University, where he studied political science; and

WHEREAS, After serving in the military from 1941 to 1946, Mr. Jackstadt was elected to the Collinsville school board where he served from 1949 to 1951; and

WHEREAS, He was elected Collinsville mayor at the age of 29 in 1951 and remains the youngest mayor in the history of the city; he served one term as mayor and continued his career in city government; for five years he was on the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners and from 1972 to 1979, he was a city coordinator for a major sewer project; in 1979 he became city clerk; and

WHEREAS, Intending to retire in 1995, Mr. Jackstadt was convinced to remain in the position of city clerk on a part-time basis until his retirement; and

WHEREAS, He and his wife, Neva, raised eight children, all of whom have remained close to their roots in Collinsville; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that

1 we congratulate Louis Jackstadt on the occasion of his  
2 retirement as Collinsville city clerk after so many years of  
3 service; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
5 presented to Mr. Jackstadt as an expression of our esteem.